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TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Brad Johnson
Corrections Director

DATE: March 15, 2017

RE: Chaplaincy Program/Inmate Benefit Fund

CC: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Lundgren, County Clerk's Office
Board Meeting Approval-March 28, 2017

As you know, the Good News Jail and Prison Ministries of Fairfax, Virginia has provided Lancaster County Corrections with a full-time chaplain since October, 1995. This program has proven extremely beneficial to the County in providing counseling and religious activity coordination without cost to the taxpayers.

I am requesting your approval to donate \$18,000, budgeted in our Inmate Benefit Fund to support this program. As you are aware, the Inmate Benefit Fund is generated by inmate vending and phone commissions and does not represent an impact to the taxpayers. This action will demonstrate our support of the program to help ensure the on-going provision of the full-time chaplain.

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding this request or the activities in the program to date.

BJ/ak